



RWANDA NEWS

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Thanks

Thank you for your continuing support. Please do not hesitate to contact either Sarah Johns, Chair
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Further details about our link with RWAEH are available on the website
www.ciehcymru-wales.org

Please do renew your membership!

CIEH CYMRU WALES REGION AND RWANDA

The CIEH encourages its regions to enter into twinning arrangements with developing countries, to work with them by sharing expertise and providing practical assistance to help to raise standards of public health. The Cymru Wales Region of the CIEH is twinned with Rwanda.

Public health professionals in Rwanda did not have a professional body prior to the twinning arrangement being put in place in 2003. The Region worked with colleagues in Rwanda to help them establish the Rwanda Association of Environmental Health (RWAEH), and has supported that organisation by paying for it to become a full member of the International Federation of Environmental Health. This allows RWAEH to access funding opportunities and to network with similar professional bodies, raising its profile and broadening its influence.

Capacity is a serious issue in Rwanda and public health need far outstrips the

number of environmental health officers available to deal with it. The Cymru Wales Region therefore decided to focus its efforts on capacity building, by supporting the Kigali Health Institute, the institution at which environmental health officers are trained.

The Region raises money by holding social events, 'Rwanda Days' and raffles and by promoting overseas membership of RWAEH. It uses the monies raised to purchase equipment that has been identified as necessary by Kigali Health Institute for use by the students on the environmental health course.

To date a broad range of equipment, from computers to microscopes, books to training videos and noise monitoring equipment to sampling kits has been sent out and fund raising is ongoing. Over 100 books on epidemiology, health promotion, communicable disease, sanitation, basic statistics, public health in the tropics, food hygiene and environmental health in emergencies are due to be



shipped out to Rwanda in April 2008.

Helen Perry, a member of the CIEH Cymru Wales Region supported the teaching staff at Kigali Health Institute from the beginning of 2007 for several months, and spoke on Saturday 15th March 2008 at the Weekend Study Course in Saundersfoot. She has been able to provide first hand advice as to what further assistance the Institute would find beneficial.

Teresa Issacs, an environmental health practitioner and her husband, Steve, have been at Nyamishaba Campus, Kibuye

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3 PEAKS CHALLENGE AND PEMBROKESHIRE COAST PATH WALK



To raise money for the CIEH Cymru Wales Region twinning with Rwanda the CIEH Wales Directorate and the Wales Heads of Environmental Health Group arranged a "3 Peaks Challenge" - teams of 4 were challenged to climb the 3 peaks of Wales, namely Pen-y-Fan, Cadair Idris

and Snowdon over the weekend 9th and 10th June 2007. This very successful event raised nearly £3,300 in sponsorship. This was followed by a shorter walk on the Carmarthen Fan which raised further funds. On Saturday 15th March 2008 after the Weekend Study Course in Saundersfoot a

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since December 2007 for few months to help train students on the new degree programme in environmental health. The Overseas Group will catch up with them when they return after their few months of teaching. KHI are in need of teaching staff and so if you are interested in a teaching placement then please contact Sarah Johns for further details.

During 2007 RWAEH Overseas Working Group drafted and agreed a Constitution which details the roles and responsibilities of the Group. A copy is available on the website.

For further details of the twinning between CIEH Cymru Wales Region and Rwanda please visit the Rwanda page of the CIEH Cymru Wales web site -



www.ciehcymru-wales.org

3 PEAKS CHALLENGE AND PEMBROKESHIRE COAST PATH WALK (CONTINUED)

“Some magnificent sandy beaches were seen ...”

mini Pembrokeshire Coast Path Walk took place between Saundersfoot and Tenby. Delegates got their walking boots on for this 2 hour walk through glorious coastal woodlands and above some magnificent sandy beaches!

(£10 made out to ‘The Rwanda Fund’) to the address below, using the tear off slip. A considerable sum of money has been raised again last year and put to the purchase of items from the ‘Wedding List’ – please see:

twinning with Rwanda, through the purchase of further items for use by environmental health students at Kigali Health Institute.

<http://tinyurl.com/2acgtq>

Thank you for your support during 2007 - 2008, the forth year of RWAEH. Membership renewal is now due in respect of 2008- 09. Please send your renewal

The Weekend Study Course 2008 raised over £200 from the walk, raffle and quiz. This money will be used to support the



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please send with your payment and provide the following details:

To: Rowan Hughes , Treasurer, RWAEH Overseas Branch ,
8 Usk Way, Cwm Talwg, Barry, South Glamorgan CF62 7XL

From :

Address:

Please find enclosed herewith

Membership renewal for year 2008- 09 £10.00

Donation to General Funds

Donation for Wedding List (please specify item)

TOTAL £

You are advised not to send cash through the post. Please make cheques payable to ‘The Rwanda Fund’